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## **SENATE**

. No. 578

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

## Robert A. O'Leary

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act Relative to Potential Anti-Competitive Behavior by Hospitals and Payers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Robert A. O'Leary	Cape and Islands
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO POTENTIAL ANTI-COMPETITIVE BEHAVIOR BY HOSPITALS AND PAYERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1: Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the office of
- 2 the attorney general shall conduct a study addressing potential anti-competitive behavior by hospitals and
- 3 insurance carriers in the commonwealth. The attorney general shall issue a report summarizing its
- 4 findings and making recommendations not later than December 31, 2009, and shall file such report with
- 5 the joint committee on health care financing.